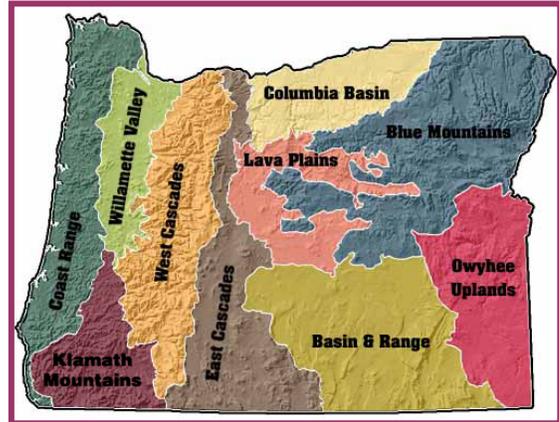


OREGON PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM PROGRAM GOALS AND PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Meeting the needs for a diversity of species, habitats, and landowners....

Oregon encompasses incredible ecological diversity. It has ten distinct ecoregions with habitats ranging from coastal estuary to desert scrub. These habitats support over 50 endangered and threatened species, several unique plant communities, and a variety of economic and land-use considerations. We have lots of opportunity with nearly 30 million acres of private and Tribal lands in Oregon. Our partners are varied: from family-owned farms or ranches, grass-seed farmers, small landowners, dairy operations, and many others. The PFW program in Oregon recognizes the unique issues involved in working to restore habitats in these varied climates *and* recognizes the unique landowner needs that are a reality for making our projects work.



Emphasis on Developing Quality Projects

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in Oregon has been focused on the restoration of wetlands, wet prairie, grassland, savanna, shrub steppe, stream and riparian habitats. Nearly all of the fifty-six listed, proposed, and candidate species in Oregon rely on one or more of these habitats.

Trust Resources and Project Ranking —

1. Species At Risk

Depleted Interjurisdictional Fish

- Coho
- Chinook
- Steelhead
- Chum
- Sockeye

Listed, Candidate, Proposed Species

- 55 Federally Endangered or Threatened species,
- 12 Federal Candidate species
- 220 Species of Concern

2. Migratory Birds / Associated Habitat

- Wetland
- Riparian
- Stream
- Grassland & Oak Savanna
- Shrub Steppe



3. Landscape Approach

- Corridors between Refuges, Tribes, or other managed preserves and key habitats
- Facilitate wildlife dispersal and habitat connectivity

4. Ranking Factors (see guidance document)

Consistency with National Partners Policy—

All projects which are considered for funding must first be shown to fit within the PFW national policy (completed September 24, 2003). For more information, please refer to the full policy text (640 FW 1). Some examples of policy considerations include: lands to be restored must not be under Federal or State ownership, restoration practices must return a site (to the extent practicable) to the ecological condition that existed prior to degradation, projects must be biologically sound and cost effective, projects must reflect the application of the most effective techniques based on state-of-the-art methods, projects must attempt to establish self-sustaining natural communities including native vegetation, no funds will be used to pay for water/water pumps/ or water delivery systems, projects must be avoided if upstream disturbances outside of the influence of the proposed project area are likely to continually influence the project area via streamflow, etc.

Project Criteria—

1) Benefit to listed species, 2) Benefit to FWS trust species or species of concern, 3) Benefit to migratory birds as outlined in PIF or ABC strategic plans, 4) Implements priority tasks in an established management, recovery, or restoration plan, 5) Long term protection of property, 6) Proximity to Tribal or Refuge property and compliments formal objectives of Tribe or Refuge, 7) Ability to build new partnerships in key resource area, 8) Good dollar for dollar match, 9) Good price per acre for project, 10) Documented need for restoration, 11) Result in a self-sustaining system not dependent on artificial structures, 12) Additional educational or public outreach potential.

Other Considered Factors in Funding Projects—

1) Identify collaboration with State fish and wildlife and other partners, 2) Reduce habitat fragmentation, 3) Restore globally or nationally imperiled habitat type, 4) Benefits multiple priority species, 5) Current and future adjacent land use is compatible with restoration, 6) Long term oversight / management capability.



Time spent working with Partners to develop quality projects is an essential part of PFW program success.

Web Resources

Oregon web page (which we are in the process of redesigning):

http://oregonfwo.fws.gov/FWRest/FWR_Partners/pffw.htm

National website: <http://partners.fws.gov/HowToPartner/qnas.htm>

Note the Question and Answer section: <http://partners.fws.gov/HowToPartner/qnas>.

